

Kingston Fire District
Board of Wardens' Meeting
January 23, 2008

Call to Order: After a 7:00 p.m. Annual Tour of the Fire Station, including residents' quarters, President Elizabeth McNab called the KFD Board of Wardens meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Also present were wardens Lori Horton, Vin Rose, John Oberle and Donald Cobb, Treasurer Thomas Vignali, Tax Collector Linda Mendillo, Chief Nathan Barrington, Kevin Culley of URI.

MOTION: Rose made and Horton seconded a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report: The entire federal grant for the radios has been spent as of today's date. Vignali also stated that after looking at all of the invoices regarding the purchase of the new boiler, we have a shortfall of \$499.00. One error was due to an over billing by JPM Construction Co., Inc. Jim Martufi will be asked for a refund in the amount of \$300.00. The balance of \$199 will be discussed with the insurance company. Finally, Vignali stated that the State of Rhode Island is proposing to reduce the amount of reimbursement for vehicle tax.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rose made and Cobb seconded a motion to accept the Secretary's Report from December 6, 2007.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Cobb made and Oberle seconded a motion to accept the Tax Collector's report.

Tax Collector's Report: Linda Mendillo stated that she would check with Mary Ann Packer of the South Kingstown Assessor's Office to inquire about whether any individuals, who are delinquent for 2006 and 2007 in their Kingston fire taxes, are elderly prior to sending out final notices. Mendillo stated she will ask the KFD Auditors to review the Little Rest Landscaping account for an abatement. Rose asked Mendillo to present the KFD Auditors with a report regarding the delinquent 2006 and 2007 taxpayers and ask them to generate a memorandum to the Board of Wardens.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Oberle made and Horton seconded a motion to accept the URI report.

URI Report: Kevin Culley of URI stated a resident at Dorr Hall was asked to remove the excessive combustible materials from his living area. Chief Barrington asked Culley if the Kingston Fire District could review all future plans for all URI buildings. Chief Barrington stated that he would like our insurer, VFIS, to attend the next Finance Committee meeting. He said that he, Horton and Culley will meet with the individuals from both the KFD insurance company and the URI insurance company. Lastly, Culley stated that some of the smaller buildings at URI will continue with alarm upgrades.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rose made and Horton seconded a motion to accept the Chiefs' reports.

MOTION: Cobb made and Rose seconded a motion to authorize Chief Barrington to put out an RFP (Request for Purchase) for a new pumper.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chief's Report: Chief Barrington stated that the Town of South Kingstown will be tougher on the owner of 170-172 Old North Road regarding his inspection deficiencies. The South County Center for Arts will put in a fire alarm system. The Kingston Fire District responded to 94 calls during a period of time while the University of Rhode Island was not in session. Chief Barrington is in a discussion with the State Fire Marshal's Office to develop a better process for managing new URI projects. Both Chief Barrington and Chief Perry met with the South Kingstown Police Department to discuss the dispatch issues.

The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

The Board of Wardens discussed the meeting dates for work sessions to review the policy manual. The dates for the next few months will be on Thursday, February 21, 2008, Thursday, March 13, 2008 and Thursday, April 10, 2008. The agenda for the next policies and procedures meeting will be to review "Adoption of Policies and Guidelines Statement", "Press Relations" and "Utilization of the Fire Station for Social Functions".

MOTION: Rose made and Cobb seconded a motion to accept the "Locker" Policy.

The motion passed unanimously.

The Wardens discussed and made changes to "Adoption of Policies and Guidelines Statement", "Press Relations", and "Utilization of the Fire Station for Social Functions".

Old Business:

We have not heard from our Solicitor regarding the non-payment of fire details. Lastly, the federal government cut the interest rate by .75 and, therefore, the yield will be 3.5% for our investments.

MOTION: Rose made and Horton seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Marcoux

